

State Of South Dakota  
EXECUTIVE  
PROCLAMATION  
FOR VALOR

Office Of The Governor

On Saturday, July 3, 1962, Allen Merclean was driving with his daughter, Kathy, and as the two drove down the hill into Rapid City after a night of camping, Allen began to experience a familiar chest pain. Before he could take the medication to alleviate his discomfort, the pain became so intense that he suddenly collapsed behind the wheel of his car. He has having a cardiac arrest.

Kathy Merclean's frightened calls for help attracted Dylan Zubke, a Rapid City man who immediately began his urgent rescue efforts.

At this time, Robin Reiner went driving by and noticed the confusion. As a caring human being, she felt compelled to get involved. As a Registered Nurse, she knew she had something to offer in this emergency situation.

Robin's husband stopped the car and she quickly got out and rushed to the aid of Zubke and the unconscious Merclean. Pulling the New Jersey man from his car, Mrs. Reiner instantly began CPR on the victim. She gave chest compressions and Dylan performed mouth to mouth ventilations.

Soon, an ambulance arrived and intensified the rescue procedures that Robin Reiner had initiated. Then, Robin comforted Kathy Merclean by staying with her when she telephoned relatives.

Robin Reiner is a hero, for she acted quickly and calmly when time was at a premium. Her immediate action was vital in helping to save Allen Merclean's life.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the valor of

ROBIN REINER

and I congratulate her for putting her medical knowledge and training to work in such a crucial, life or death situation.



ATTEST:

*Alice Kundert*  
ALICE KUNDELT, SECRETARY OF STATE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-sixth Day of August, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Two

*William J. Janklow*  
WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, GOVERNOR

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